

Andrew Jackson to Fielding Davies, May 13, 1841, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, May 13, 1841.

Sir, Mr. A. Jackson jnr. has made known to me, that he is in contract with you about a track of Land adjoining ours upon the Mississippi, in part of the consideration to be given you are to receive three thousand dollars of blooded stock, thoroughbred; the value to be placed upon the stock by myself or Mr. Jessee Cage—to this part of the proposition I agree to furnish the stock for Mr. A. Jackson jnr. to be delivered in all the month of October next.

A. Jackson jnr. only wants the part adjoining him. I would not have any thing to do with the purchase of undivided land which might lead to dispute. I have therefore said to him to let you and the college Trustees make partition or grant you a deed before he closes the contract with you. Do have nothing to do with the college tract only as an agent to sell for them under their special instructions.

Land in Mississippi is a greatly reduced, as well as horses, but brood mares will if well attended to, produce at least twenty five percent on the capital invested, when woodland with the heavy Taxes will be reduced in price. I am well informed that good well improved land is now offered for five dollars per acre. My stock of horses is of the purest blood in america and I have a two year old stud colt, I think, equal to any of his age, of best running stock.

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If you and Mr. A. Jackson jnr. closes a contract for your land adjoining him in Mississippi, I will furnish the stock, making a statement of their blood and price, and then Mr. Jessee Cage to deduct from those that he may think too high.

I am very respectfully your mo. obdt. Servt.

P.S. If you and A. Jackson jnr, concludes the contract for your land adjoining him I will, for the two thousand five hundred dollars payable in current bank notes of the state of Tennessee, at four years without Interest become his security 1

1 With this letter belongs the following: "Pedigree of Blooded Stock Raised by General A. Jackson, Hermitage, Valued and Sold to F. Davis, Esq., Miss." (Jackson MSS., vol. 118, p. 120):

No. 1—A beautiful dark bay or brown filley fine size, form, and action—over 2 years old Her Sire—Mambrino (and he by old American Eclipse) Mambrino's dam—Grand Dutchess—owned by Genl. Irwine of Pa. She produced Mengo—Busiris—Mambrino—all splendid runners (refer to stud Book for his Eclipses Pedigree) (we have her Pedigree in full—I will send it). The dam of No. 1—Dianna—by Virginian—her dam by imported Knowsly—imported Dionmiades old celer Tristam shandy—the Knowsley mare above produced Rowlette, by Potomac—also the famous mare Sally Maghee of Va. Sister of Dianna above.— Valued $800.

No. 2—A beautiful rich sorrel stud colt—above 2 years old Sire Mambrino, and he by Eclipse—His dam Flora her dam by Oscar—gran dam by Pacolet grat gran dam by old Truxton etc. etc. Flora's sire Arab—She by Sir Archie etc. etc.— Valued $800, died.

No. 3—A beautiful bay filley—2 years old Sire Pyamingo raised by Genl Jackson—his sire old Stockholder by Sir Archie his dam by oscar etc. etc. Her dam a fine bay mare

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by imported Bagdad—her dam by Pacolet—gran dam by Truxton great gran dam (the opossum filley—good).— Valued $500.

No. 4—A large and fine dark bay mare 5 years old—Sire Citizen His dam by Pacolet—gran dam by old Truxton great gran dam Opossum filley—by old Stockholder and he by old Sir Archie of Va. etc. etc. Her dam Dianna—she is half-sister of the filley No. 1—(on other Page) see her Pedigree—She has a fine colt at her foot—dropped early this spring—Sire by Major A. J. Donelsons Strap—old Mambrino—that took the colts race at Nashville not long since—dam out of Lady Nashville a celebrated racer—she is now stunted to imported Merman, and in foal.— Valued, mare and colt, $900, and now in foal.

No. 5—A fine bright sorrel mare—5 years old Sire old Stockholder by Sir Archie of Va. Her dam by Oscar—gran dam by Pacolet great gran dam by old Truxton—she is fine—now in foal by imported Merman.—For No. 2, Valued at $800.

I certify that the above Pedigrees are correct and valuation by me.— Andrew Jackson.

No. 5—Has a fine sorrel filley 2 years next spring—her sire by Mambrino—and he by Eclipse etc. etc.— Valued at $500.

[N. B. No. 2 in this pedigree is Crossed out, as though the horse was not sold to Davis, or had died.]